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News Summary:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted a Kenosha businessman in connection with activities involving campaign contributions and a potential Indian casino in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dennis M. Troha, d/o/b 11/27/46, was charged with one count of fraud and one count of making a false statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years imprisonment and a fine of \$500,000.

The fraud charge alleges, in part, that Troha used loans and a business entity called Johnson Houston Partners to improperly funnel more than \$100,000 to family members for campaign contributions. The fraud charge further alleges that in an attempt to obtain an Indian gaming compact, Troha concealed the true nature of the financial transactions from the State of Wisconsin.

The false statement charge alleges that when FBI agents interviewed Troha on January 12, 2007, Troha falsely stated that there was not a link between the decision to distribute money from the Johnson Houston Partnership and campaign contributions of family members.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division. The case is being prosecuted by United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and Assistant United States Attorney Greg J. Haanstad.

No court dates have yet been set.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of charging an individual with a crime and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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